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The Bolivian Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) plenum which was being held in La Paz was ended by a government order prohibiting all political stated that Jose Antonio Arze meetings. advised Noel Mariaca to call the railway sympathy strike, but he cautioned that PIR support of the strikes should be concealed. The PIR is in a dilemma because it would have reason to fear the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MIR) if the present government should be overthrown. On the other hand, Arze feels that the PIR will have to participate in strikes and mass agitation if it hopes to gain a popular following. It is believed that the PIR's indecision may offer a basis for negotiation between the government and the railway federation, which is PIR-dominated.

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